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> IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re: Chapter 11 CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., : Case No. 08-35653-KRH <u>et</u> <u>al</u>., Debtors. : Jointly Administered - - - - - - - - - x

## ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO ASSUME, ASSIGN AND SELL UNEXPIRED LEASE OF NON-RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

Upon consideration of motion, dated February 3, 2009 (the "Motion"), of Circuit City Stores, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries, debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively,

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

the "Debtors"), for orders under sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), (i) approving the bidding and auction procedures for sale of certain nonresidential real property leases (the "Bidding Procedures"), (ii) setting dates for sale hearings, and (iii) authorizing and approving (a) the sale (the "Sale") of certain unexpired nonresidential real property leases (the "Leases", comprising the February Leases and the March Leases, each as defined in the Motion) free and clear of all interests, including liens, claims, and encumbrances (collectively, the "Interests"), (b) the assumption and assignment of the Leases, and (c) lease rejection procedures for any Leases that are not sold in connection with the foregoing; and the Court having entered the Order under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, and 365 (I) Approving Bidding and Auction Procedures for Sale of Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases, (II) Setting Sale Hearing Dates and (III) Authorizing and Approving (A) Sale of Certain

Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases Free and Clear of All Interests, (B) Assumption and Assignment of Certain Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases and (C) Lease Rejection Procedures (the "Bidding and Rejection Procedures Order"); and the Court having entered the Supplemental Order under Bankruptcy Code Sections 105, 363, and 365 Approving Amended Bid Deadline In Connection With Bidding And Auction Procedures For Sale Of Unexpired Nonresidential Real Property Leases (the "Supplemental Order"), which established a revised bid deadline of March 3, 2009 and amended the Bidding Procedures; and upon the record of the auction conducted on March 10, 2009 (the "Auction") and the hearing held on March 13, 2009 (the "Sale Hearing"); and after due deliberation thereon, and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

# IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:

A. The Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine the Motion and to grant the relief requested

Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact when appropriate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7052.

in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(1) and 1334(b).

- B. Venue of these cases and the Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
- C. The statutory predicates for the relief requested in the Motion are Bankruptcy Code sections 105, 363, and 365 and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, and 9014.
- D. The notice of the Motion, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing given by the Debtors constitutes due and sufficient notice thereof.
- E. A reasonable opportunity to object or be heard regarding the relief in this Order has been afforded to all interested persons and entities, including the lessor (the "Landlord") for the lease related to store number 854 (the "Store") located at 6026 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville, Maryland (together with any and all related lease documents and subleases associated therewith, the "Lease").

- F. The Debtors and their professionals

  marketed the Lease and conducted a sale process as set

  forth in and in accordance with the Motion, the Bidding

  and Rejection Procedures Orders and the Bidding

  Procedures. Based upon the record of these proceedings,

  all creditors and other parties in interest and all

  prospective purchasers have been afforded a reasonable

  and fair opportunity to bid for the Lease.
- G. After an auction held on March 10, 2009, the Debtors determined that the highest and best Qualified Bid was that of the Assignee (as defined herein).
- H. The Assignment Agreement (as defined herein) and the sale of the Lease were negotiated and have been and are undertaken by the Debtors and the Assignee at arms' length without collusion or fraud, and in good faith within the meaning of Sections 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result of the foregoing, the Debtors and the Assignee are entitled to the protections of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- I. Neither the Debtors nor the Assignee engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the

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Assignment Agreement or the consummation of the Sale to be avoided, or costs or damages to be imposed, under Section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- J. The total consideration provided by the Assignee for the Lease is the highest and best offer received by the Debtors, and the consideration constitutes (a) reasonably equivalent value under the Bankruptcy Code and Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, (b) fair consideration under the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and (c) reasonably equivalent value, fair consideration and fair value under any other applicable laws of the United States, any state, territory or possession, or the District of Columbia, for the Lease.
- K. The Debtors have demonstrated good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the assumption, assignment, and sale of the Lease.
- L. The assumption, assignment, and sale of the Lease to Vanguard Commercial Development, Inc. (the "Assignee") under sections 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors.

- M. Pursuant to sections 365(b)(1)(C),
  365(f)(2)(B) and, if applicable, 365(b)(3), the Debtors
  and the Assignee have demonstrated adequate assurance of
  future performance by the Assignee under the Lease.
- N. The Cure Amount (as defined herein) is deemed the entire cure obligation due and owing under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- O. The assumption, assignment, and sale of the Lease to the Assignee is in compliance with section 365(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, if applicable.
- P. Upon the payment of the Cure Amount, there are no outstanding defaults of the Debtors and their estates under the Lease.
- Q. Upon the assignment to the Assignee, the Lease shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, subject to the provisions of this Order and, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors and their estates shall be relieved from any further liability thereunder, including for any breach of the Lease.

- R. Based on the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, 3 IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:
- 1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections with regard to the relief sought in the Motion as it pertains to the Lease, that have not been withdrawn, waived, or settled, are overruled on the merits.
- 3. Under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to assume the Lease.
- 4. Under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to assign all of Debtors' right, title and interest in and to the Lease to the Assignee, which assignment shall take place on and be effective as of the Effective Date (as defined herein), and to the extent that a sublease exists with respect to the Lease where a Debtor is the sublessor, Debtors are authorized to assign all of Debtors' right, title and interest in and to the sublease to the Assignee.

Statements made by the Court from the bench at the hearing on the Motion shall constitute additional conclusions of law and findings of fact as appropriate.

- 5. Under Bankruptcy Code section 363, the Debtors are authorized to sell the Lease to the Assignee.
- 6. The Debtors are authorized to execute the Sale, Assumption and Assignment Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> (the "Assignment Agreement").
- 7. The consummation of the transactions with respect to the Lease contemplated hereunder shall take place on the date agreed upon between the Debtors and the Assignee, but in no event later than 30 days after entry of this Order (the "Effective Date").
- 8. Upon the occurrence of the Effective
  Date, subject to the provisions of this Order, the
  Assignee shall succeed to the entirety of Debtors'
  rights and obligations in the Lease and Store due,
  arising or attributable to the time period occurring on
  or after the Effective Date and shall have the rights of
  the tenant (and sublessor) thereunder.
- 9. On the Effective Date, the Assignee shall pay to the Debtors, in cash or otherwise immediately available funds, \$435,000.

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- 10. Upon the Effective Date neither the Assignee, the Debtors, nor the Debtors' estates shall have liability for cure claims of, from, or related to the Lease for any defaults or monetary obligations thereunder, except that Debtors shall be liable for and pay to the Landlord within five (5) business days after the Effective Date the "Undisputed Cure Amount" for the Lease, which amount totals \$45,375.00, and shall escrow, within five (5) business days after the Effective Date until the earlier of (i) the date the Debtors and the Landlord agree in writing or (ii) a final nonappealable order is entered by the Court, any "Disputed Cure Amount", which shall not exceed \$0.00 (together, the Undisputed Cure Amount and Disputed Cure Amount shall mean and be referred to as the "Cure Amount"). For the avoidance of doubt, if the Disputed Cure Amount is \$0.00, the Debtors shall have no obligation to establish an escrow.
- 11. Upon payment and escrow of the Cure

  Amount (i) all defaults under the Lease shall be deemed

  cured, (ii) no other amounts will be owed by Debtors or

  their estates with respect to the Lease, (iii) no

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amounts will be owed by the Assignee with respect to the Lease for obligations relating or attributable to the period prior to the Effective Date, (iv) any and all persons, entities or the like shall be forever barred and estopped from asserting a claim against the Debtors or their estates that any additional amounts are due or defaults exist under the Lease, and (v) any and all persons, entities or the like shall be forever barred and estopped from asserting a claim against the Debtors, their estates, and the Assignee that any additional amounts are due or defaults exist under the Lease that arose, relate to or are attributable to the period prior to the Effective Date.

- 12. Pursuant to section 365(f) of the
  Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding any provision to the
  contrary in the Lease, or in applicable nonbankruptcy
  law, that prohibits, restricts, or conditions the
  assignment of the Lease, Debtors may assign the Lease to
  the Assignee.
- 13. Upon the occurrence of the Effective

  Date, subject to the provisions of this Order, the

  Assignee shall assume all obligations under the Lease

attributable to the time period occurring on or after the Effective Date or related to the period subsequent to the Effective Date.

- 14. Upon the occurrence of the Effective

  Date, the Assignee shall be entitled to the protections

  of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 15. Upon the assignment authorized herein, and under section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, Debtors and their estates shall have no further liability under the Lease.
- 16. Upon the assignment to the Assignee, the Lease shall be deemed valid and binding, in full force and effect in accordance with their terms, subject to the provisions of this Order.
- 17. To the extent that any of the Debtors acts as a guarantor of the Lease (a "Debtor-Guarantor"), the Debtor-Guarantor(s) shall have no obligations with respect to the Lease after the Effective Date.
- 18. The sale and corresponding assumption and assignment of the Lease authorized hereunder shall be free and clear of all Interests, with all such Interests attaching only to the amount paid under the Assignment

Agreement for the Lease and the related premises on which such Interests had been attached previously, in the same order and priority, and with the same validity and enforceability, as same may have had prior to the sale, assumption and assignment of the Lease, subject to any and all available defenses.

with respect to the premises associated with the Lease is hereby released, discharged, and terminated, and the Assignee is hereby authorized to file, register, or otherwise record a certified copy of this Order and each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency or department is hereby directed to accept a certified copy of this Order as conclusive evidence of the release, discharge, and termination of any mechanic's lien filed against the Debtors with respect to the premises associated with the Lease and shall remove such mechanic's lien from record. Any interest released, discharged and/or terminated under this paragraph shall attach solely to the amount paid under the Assignment Agreement for the Lease and the related premises on

which such interest had previously attached, subject to any and all available defenses.

- 20. Except for (i) the Debtors with respect to their rights under the Assignment Agreement and this Order, and (ii) the Landlord with respect to the Cure Amount, all parties to the Lease, and to any other agreements relating to the Lease, other than the Assignment Agreement, are forever barred from raising or asserting against the Assignee any default or breach under, or any claim or pecuniary loss, arising under or related to the Lease or such other agreements, arising, accruing or incurred prior to the Effective Date.
- 21. All parties to the Lease, and to any other agreements relating to the Lease, other than the Assignment Agreement, are forever barred from raising or asserting against the Debtors or their estates any default or breach under, or any claim or pecuniary loss, arising under or related to, the Lease or such other agreements.
- 22. Any obligations arising under the Lease which arise, accrue, are incurred or relate to periods on or subsequent to the Effective Date, including but

not limited to any tax, utility, common area charges or insurance payments, shall be the obligation of the Assignee, and no party (including the Assignee) shall have a claim against the Debtors or their estates for such obligations.

- 23. No amounts other than the Cure Amount are or shall be due to the Landlord, or any other non-Debtor parties to the Lease, in connection with the assumption by the Debtors and assignment and sale to the Assignee of the Lease.
- 24. The Landlord and any governmental agency shall accept and honor the assignment of the Lease to the Assignee in accordance with the Assignment Agreement and this Order.
- 25. The Landlord shall cooperate and expeditiously execute and deliver, upon the reasonable requests of the Assignee, and shall not charge the Assignee for, any instruments, applications, consents, or other documents which may be required by any public or quasi-public authority or other party or entity, for the purpose of obtaining any permits, approvals or other necessary documents required for the alteration,

installation of signage, opening and operating of the premises associated with the Lease.

- 26. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 554, the Debtors are authorized to abandon any and all improvements, furniture, fixtures, equipment, inventory and/or any other personal property ("Abandoned Property") located at the Store, and such Abandoned Property is deemed abandoned on the Effective Date to the Lessor free and clear or all liens, claims and other interests. The Lessor may, in its sole discretion and without further notice, use, transfer or dispose of such Abandoned Property without liability to the Debtors or any third parties claiming an interest in such Abandoned Property.
- 27. This Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and shall not be stayed pursuant to Rules 6004(h) or 6006(d).

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28. The requirement under Local Bankruptcy

Rule 9013-1(G) to file a memorandum of law in connection

with the Motion is hereby waived.

29. To the extent that any provisions in the

Assignment Agreement conflict with this Order, the Order

shall govern.

30. The Debtors and their estates are

authorized to take all actions and execute all documents

necessary or appropriate to effectuate the assumption

and assignment of the Lease consistent with this Order.

31. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to

enforce the provisions of this Order and the assumption

and assignment of the Lease.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia

March \_\_\_, 2009

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/s/ Kevin Huennekens

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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## CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Douglas M. Foley\_\_\_\_\_\_
Douglas M. Foley

# EXHIBIT A

ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

#### SALE, ASSUMPTION, AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SALE, ASSUMPTION, AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made as of March 16, 2009 ("Effective Date"), by and among VANGUARD COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INC. ("Assignee"), on the one hand, and CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., a Virginia corporation ("Tenant"), on the other hand.

### **RECITALS**:

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2009, Tenant and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code");

WHEREAS, on March \_\_\_, 2009, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Bankruptcy Court") entered an order (the "Order") approving the sale, assumption, and assignment of (i) the lease dated March 18, 1997 between the Estate of Joseph Y. Einbinder and Tenant, for the premises located at 6026 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville, Maryland (as amended and assigned from time to time, the "Lease") and (ii) the sublease dated April 6, 1998 between Tenant and Staples, Inc. (as amended and assigned from time to time, the "Sublease"); and

WHEREAS, (i) Assignee desires that Tenant transfer, assign and set over to Assignee, and Assignee take assignment of, all of Tenant's right, title and interest in and to the Lease and the Sublease, and (ii) Tenant is willing to transfer, assign and set over to Assignee all of Tenant's right, title and interest in and to the Lease and the Sublease, subject to the terms and conditions of this Sale, Assumption and Assignment Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the premises, mutual promises, representations, warranties and covenants contained in this Sale, Assumption and Assignment Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Assignment of Lease and Sublease</u>. As of the Effective Date, Tenant does hereby transfer, assign and set over to Assignee, and Assignee does hereby take assignment of, all of Tenant's right, title and interest in and to the Lease, including the option to purchase contained therein, and the Sublease. In consideration thereof, on the Effective Date, Assignee shall pay to Tenant the sum of \$435,000.
- 2. <u>Assumption of Obligations</u>. Assignee does hereby assume and does hereby agree to observe, perform, fulfill and discharge, all of Tenant's duties, obligations, and liabilities of whatever nature that are required to be performed, that accrue, or that relate to the period on or after the Effective Date under the Lease, the Sublease and the Order.
- 3. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Assignee hereby acknowledges and agrees the Lease and the Sublease are transferred, assigned and set over to Assignee AS IS, WHERE IS, without representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever and that the premises covered by the Lease and the Sublease will be delivered AS IS, WHERE IS on the Effective Date, notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Lease or the Sublease.
  - 4. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, demand, consent, approval, direction, agreement or other

communication required or permitted hereunder or under any other documents in connection herewith shall be in writing and shall be directed as follows:

If to Tenant:

Circuit City Stores, Inc. Attn: Director of Real Estate 9950 Mayland Drive Richmond, VA 23233

with a copy to:

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Attn: Gregg M. Galardi, Ian S. Fredericks, Chris L. Dickerson and T. Kellan Grant One Rodney Square Wilmington, DE 19889

If to Assignee:

Vanguard Commercial Development, Inc. c/o Vanguard Commercial Property Development Attn: Len Weinberg 1500 Serpentine Road, Suite 100 Baltimore, MD 21209

- 5. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and the Order sets forth the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the matters contemplated by the Order and this Agreement.
- 6. <u>Parties Bound</u>. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of Tenant and Assignee and their respective successors and assigns.
- 7. <u>Applicable Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and, to the extent not inconsistent, the internal laws of the State of Virginia without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. The Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over this Agreement with respect to disputes between Tenant and Assignee.
- 8. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts for the convenience of the Parties, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 9. <u>Facsimile Signatures</u>. This Agreement may be executed by facsimile, and such facsimile signature shall be treated as an original signature hereunder

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the duly authorized officers of Tenant and Assignee as of the date and year first written above.

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VANGU.	ARD COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
INC.	
INC.	ARD COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT,

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., on behalf of itself

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I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have served the attached document on the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 9): Pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Mar 19, 2009 Signa

Joseph Spertjens